

## BULLETIN

To: Workers' Compensation Insurance Carriers  
Self Insured Employers  
Third Party Administrators  
Medical Providers  
Attorneys

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Re: Medical Records Rule  
Medical Fee Schedule

The Industrial Accidents Division of the Utah Labor Commission has revised the Medical Records Rule - R612-2-22. The revisions to the rule exclude medical records from the federal HIPAA rule of employees who have filed a claim for workers' compensation benefits. A release for medical records is not required if the medical records are to be used to make a determination regarding benefits or medical care. This rule is effective immediately. A copy of the rule and the new form (Form 307) notifying the injured worker that a release is not required and that current and past medical records may be accessed by the requesting party who is deemed to be authorized by the rule to have access to the injured worker's medical records is accompanying this bulletin. The contents of the rule may also be found at the Labor Commission's Web site [www.laborcommission.utah.gov](http://www.laborcommission.utah.gov).

The Labor Commission is also adopting the 2003 RBRVS as of July 2, 2003, along with the Commission's Medical Fee Guidelines. An increase in the conversion factors for the E&M codes and the Restorative Medicine codes has also been adopted. The conversion factor for these codes will increase from \$40 to \$42. A copy of this rule is also accompanying this bulletin and may be found at the above Web site. A copy of the Commission's Medical Fee Guidelines may be purchased from the Commission for \$10. The RBRVS may be purchased from INGENIX, the AMA, or any other source that publishes the RBRVS.